

REMARKS

This reply encompasses a bona fide attempt to overcome the rejections raised by the Examiner, thereby placing the present application in a condition for allowance.

5 *Regarding Claim Status*

Claims 9 and 22 were pending. Claim 9 was rejected. Claim 9 is cancelled herein.

Claim 22 has been allowed. By this Amendment, claim 22 is pending.

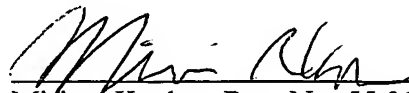
10 *Regarding Claim Rejections*

Claim 9 has been cancelled, rendering the rejections moot.

Conclusion

15 This Reply is submitted to be complete and proper in that it places the present application in a condition for allowance without adding new matter. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance of pending claim 22 are therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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